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Re: Enclosed please find an Amendment in connection with U.S. Serial No. 10/030,825.

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Best Regards,

John B. Alexander, Ph.D.

assistance at this time.

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Docket No. 56769 (71526)

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

APP	LICANT:	Y. Takada, et al.		
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NOTE: See 37 C.F.R. Section 1.645 for extensions of time in interference proceedings, and 37 C.F.R. Section 1.550(c) for extensions of time in reexamination proceedings.

3. The proceedings herein are for a patent application and the provisions of 37 C.F.R. Section 1.136 apply.

(complete (a) or (b), as applicable)

(a) [] Applicant petitions for an extension of time under 37 C.F.R. Section 1.136 (fees: 37 C.F.R. Section 1.17(a)(1)-(4)) for the total number of months checked below:

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If an additional extension of time is required, please consider this a petition therefor.

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OR

(b) [X] Applicant believes that no extension of term is required. However, this conditional petition is being made to provide for the possibility that applicant has inadvertently overlooked the need for a petition for extension of time.

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FEE FOR CLAIMS

4. The fee for claims (37 C.F.R. Section 1.16(b)-(d)) has been calculated as shown below

(Col.1)	(Col. 2)	SMALL ENTITY			OTHER THAN A SMALL ENTITY		
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(c) [X] No additional fee for claims is required.

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(d) [] Total additional fee for claims required \$_____.

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6. [X] If any additional extension and/or fee is required, charge Λccount No. 04-1105____

AND/OR

[X] If any additional fee for claims is required, charge Account No. 04-1105

Date: March 24, 2004

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AMENDMENT

Sir:

Applicants are in receipt of the Office Action dated January 2, 2004 and request reconsideration of the above-identified application in view of the following amendments and remarks. Please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Specification are reflected on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 5 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 7 of this paper.